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The Paris Gazette of August 11, which came by the Neutral Countries, has the following Article.

Madrid, July 18.

THE Envoy of Portugal at this Court, has receiv'd by the return of a Courier, whom he dispatch'd to Lisbon a Fortnight ago, an Answer to the Letters he sent, but nothing decisive touching the Engagements which the Enemies of the 2 Crowns give out the King of Portugal has entred into with them. All we learn from the last Lisbon Letters is, That the 3 Generals nominated by the King of Portugal are order'd to render themselves in the Provinces assign'd them, viz. The Marquefs das Minas is to go to Almeida; the Count de Atalaya into the Province Tras os Montes; and the Count d'Alvor between Douro and Minho. Some Soldiers in the Night-time threw Stones at the Windows of the House of the Spanish Envoy at Lisbon; his Domesticks fir'd upon them and wounded one whom they took, and who discover'd the rest: They alledg'd for their Excuse, that they were Drunk; but complaint being made to the King of Portugal, his Majesty declar'd that exemplary Justice should pass upon them. We learn likewise, that there is great Scarcity in that Country, and that on the first Rumour of a War with Spain, the Price of Corn and Bread rose a 4th part. The Articles of Accusation against the Amirante of Castille have been made out by sufficient Evidence; insomuch that being clearly prov'd guilty, Sentence of Death is pass'd upon him for Contumacy. They write from Cadix, that the Regiment of Horse of Rouffillon, was order'd to march towards Badajoz, whither some Regiments of Infantry will likewise be sent. The March of one of the Regiments of Horse of the Principality of Catalonia, as also of some Troops of the Queen's Regiment, and of that of the Asturias, towards the Frontiers of Portugal, is suspended till further Order; and they continue to Exercise every other day. We are inform'd by Letters from America, that on the 11th of January 2 English Ships that came from Curassao appear'd before the Port of Guadiavilla in the Island of St. Domingo and landed some Men: Whereupon Sennor Domingo Pacheco, having drawn together what Soldiers and Militia he could, attack'd them, and after killing 37 of them, oblig'd them to reembark themselves in so much disorder, that most of them for haste threw away their Arms; the Spaniards had but one Man wounded.

From the Rotterdam Gazette, dated August 20.

Madrid, July 25. The last Letters from Lisbon advise, that the King of Portugal has declar'd the Duke de Cadaval General of his Forces; but that there is such a Scarcity of Corn in that Country, that no Person can be found who will undertake to furnish the Soldiers with Ammunition Bread. By a Courier arriv'd from Paris we learn, that the King of France has offer'd our King 12000 Men to Joyn the Spaniards in Estramadura, and that Orders are given them to march. The Intendant Orri is re-

turn'd from France, but we know not yet what Plan he has brought for reforming the Finances. Yesterday arriv'd here by the Post an Irish Gentleman, a Favourite of the Count de Marfin, who formerly serv'd in the French Troops in Alsace: 'Tis thought he is sent with a Recommendation to be made Collonel of the Regiment of Irish Dragoons which is rais'd here; and which is compos'd of chosen Men who are well cloath'd and arm'd, and will march to Estramadura as soon as they have pass'd in review before the King. The King has order'd the 100000 Crowns which was retrench'd from the Annual Pension of the Queen Dowager to be renew'd to her. The Ambassador of France at Lisbon has sent hither 2 Persons, one a Flemming the other an Arragonian; The latter was of the Amirante of Castille's Retinue; the other was a Confident of the Emperor's Ambassador at the Court of Portugal. Both pretend they can discover weighty Secrets; they brought Letters of Recommendation from the Ambassador of France to the Cardinal d'Etrees and the President of Castille, with whom they have already had long Conferences; The King has signified to them that he will provide for them.

From the Brussels Gazette, dated August 10.

Madrid, July 25. The 2 Regiments of the Principality of Catalonia, of 500 Horse each, are arriv'd in our Neighbourhood, and tomorrow will come into this City, from hence to pursue their March towards the Frontiers of Portugal, with the new Regiment of Irish. The Magazines of Cadix are completely stor'd with Corn and other Provisions; they write from thence that 3 Galleys of Spain arriv'd there from Alicant last Week with 5 Ships laden with Ammunitions of War for the Garrisons of that Coast, and Cloaths for the new Regiment of Horse of Colonel Moscoso which is quarter'd in that City. The old Troops of Horse that were garrison'd in Cadix, are march'd towards the Frontiers of Portugal, and there still remains there 1500 Horse most of them new Levies, besides Foot. The Duke de Turfis has receiv'd Orders at Barcelona to Victual his Galleys for 2 Months, because they are to make part of the Fleet which the Count de Tholouse is to command in the Mediterranean.

From the Brussels Gazette, dated August 21.

Madrid, August 1. The Courier which the Cardinal d'Etrees dispatch'd to the Ambassador of France at Lisbon, with the News of the Victory gain'd in Flanders by the Troops of the 2 Crowns at Eckeren, is return'd hither, and reports, that there is no Talk there of a Rupture, but on the contrary of keeping up a good Correspondence with this Crown, and that the People have a general Aversion to a War. The Kingdom of Galicia has resolv'd to levy at the Expence of that Kingdom 4000 Men, in consideration of which the King exempts them from being charg'd with certain Publick Taxes. The 2 Regiments of Dragoons which are newly rais'd in Catalonia, continue their March through Arragon hither. The new Fortifications of Cadix are intirely finish'd, and 3 small Vessels fill'd with Stones and Rubbish, lye at Anchor between the Puntals, to be sunk if occasion

occasion require, to hinder the Enemies Ships from entering the Harbour. A Genouele Ship has brought to Barcelona a Lamp of Silver of 200 weight, sent by the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt for a Present to the Church of our Lady of Monferat, to acquit himself of a Vow he made in a Storm at Sea some Years ago, when he left Catalonia to go to Germany.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated August 16.

Philippine, August 10. In the King of Spain's printed Ordonnance touching the Government of the Spanish Netherlands, there is this remarkable Passage in the 30th and 31st Pages, 'And forasmuch as We, by reason of our Absence from these Provinces, cannot send our Orders with that Dispatch which may best conduce to the Safety and Security of these Provinces, and to the Quiet and Welfare of our Subjects, We have besought our Grandfather the most Christian King, to take the Trouble and Care upon him, to do whatever he shall think proper and needful for the Defence and Security of these Provinces, and the Safety of our Subjects; as well in Civil as Military Affairs.

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